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SUBJECT: FDA EVALUATION OF KOREAN SHELLFISH SANITATION PROGRAM

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(B) SEOUL A-48, MARCH 7, 1975

1. RE PLANNED VISIT TO KOREA APRIL 2-16 OF MESSRS HUNT AND PHILLIPS OF U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AS OUTLINED REF A, ROKG OFFICE OF FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION (OFA) ASKED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE TODAY TO INQUIRE WHETHER IT POSSIBLE FOR HUNT AND PHILLIPS TO POSTPONE VISIT FOR A FEW WEEKS, OR TO ABOUT APRIL 20. REASON GIVEN FOR REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT IS THAT NEW OFA DIRECTOR GENERAL, KANG, YONG SOON (SEE REF B), HAS JUST COMPLETED WHOLESALE RESHUFFLING OF OFA PERSONNEL INVOLVING VIRTUALLY ALL KEY POSTS, INCLUDING THOSE POSITIONS WHICH HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING HUNT-PHILLIPS VISIT. KANG WOULD LIKE TO ALLOW NEW INCUMBENTS SOME TIME TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE VISIT.

2. EMBASSY EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR HUNT AND PHILLIPS TO RESCHEDULE TRIP AT THIS LATE DATE, BUT AGREED TO RELAY OFA'S REQUEST ON UNCLASSIFIED

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OUTSIDE CVANCE HUNT AND PHILLIPS MIGHT BE ABLE ACCOMODATE

REQUEST. IN EVENT IT NOT POSSIBLE TO RESCHEDULE TRIP, OFA IS
PREPARED GO AHEAD WITH VISIT ON BASIS ORIGINAL PLANS. AN EARLY
RESPONSE TO OFA PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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